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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	:	Docket No.: 6611-22-1-1-1
ALAN R. PETERS et al.	:	Date: 4 March 2003
Serial No.: 09/808,775	:	Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed On: 15 March 2002	:	Examiner: K. Peterson

TITLE: HEAD ASSEMBLY FOR A CUTTING MACHINE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action of mailed 12/5/02, claims 1-4 were pending. Of the pending claims claim 1 was finally rejected, claim 2 was allowed, and claims 3 and 4 were withdrawn from consideration. In response to the Office Action of 12/5/02, applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination, and respectfully request a switch of election to those claims presently withdrawn from consideration, namely claims 3 and 4.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1, 3, and 4 with the following amended versions, marked-up copies of which are included in the Appendix attached hereto.